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For:

CERAMIC HEATER AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME AND

ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE PASTE FOR HEATING BODY

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the following commonly assigned, co-pending application is brought to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Application No. 09/455,027, filed December 6, 1999.

Applicants note that in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(a)(2)(iii), a copy of this application is not attached hereto. The Examiner is invited to review the file wrapper of this U.S. patent application, including the specification, claims, disclosure statements, and documents cited therein, at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Of course, if for any reason, the Examiner cannot locate this application, Applicants will provide any requested materials, if possible.

The following additional information is brought to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent No. 5,668,524

Art Unit 1755

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U.S. Patent No. 5,566,043

U.S. Patent No. 5,643,483

U.S. Patent No. 4,449,039

Patent Abstracts of Japan (Abstract of Publication No. 110400330, published February 12, 1999)

Patent Abstracts of Japan (Abstract of Publication No. 08273815A, published October 18, 1996), which is a family member of JP 8-273815.

Patent Abstracts of Japan (Abstract of Publication No. 08273814A, published October 18, 1996), which is a family member of JP 8-273814.

Patent Abstracts of Japan (Abstract of Publication No. 06051658A, published February 25, 1994), which is a family member of JP 6-51658.

Patent Abstracts of Japan (Abstract of Publication No. 04300249A, published October 23, 1992), which is a family member of JP 4-300249.

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 58-61591, Laid open April 12, 1983 (Abstract)

Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 57-870, Laid open January 5, 1982 (Abstract)

Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first Official communication.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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